GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Allegation of corruption and acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri B. Rajeswara Rao, FRO, Kasibugga, Srikakulam district – Departmental action initiated for his failure to obtain permission for acquisition of assets – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposition of penalty of 25% cut in Pension for a period of 1 year against the retired charged officer –Final orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 35 Dated: 30-05-2017
Read the following:

1) From the D.G., ACB, Lr.No.99/RCA-VSK/2003, dt:17-6-2003 & 24-7-2003.
2) G.O.Ms.No.74, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:6-10-2003.
3) From the D.G., ACB, Lr.No.99/RCA-VSK/2003/S12, dt:3-6-2005 & 8-6-2005.
4) Govt.Memo.No.3400/For.IV/A1/2003-6, dt:26-9-2005.
5) G.O.Ms.No.102, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:26-9-2005.
6) Govt. Memo.No.3400/For.IV/A1/2003-7, dt:26-9-2005
7) From the D.G., ACB,Lr.No.99/RCA-VSK/2003, dt:8-2-2008.
8) From the PCCF Ref.No.16991/2003/K1, dt:23-6-2012.
9) G.M.No.3400/For.IV/A1/2003-8 & 9, dt:31-8-2012.
10) From the PCCF Ref.No.16991/2003/K-I/1, dt:11-9-2012.
11) G.M.No.3400/For.IV/A1/2003-10, dt:17-6-2013.
12) Govt.Lr.No.3400/For.IV/A1/2003, dt:27.09.2016.
13) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.392/DC&C/2/2017, dt:15.02.2017.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has informed that, a case was registered U/s. 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (e) of P.C. Act, 1988 in Crime No.4/RC-ACB-VZM/2003 on 28-04-2003 against Sri Borusu Rajeswara Rao, Forest Range Officer, Kasibugga, Srikakulam District for indulging in corrupt activities and thereby acquired assets in his name and in the name of his family members, which are disproportionate to his known sources of income.

2. Subsequently, orders were issued permitting the Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau, to prosecute the A.O. Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, FRO(Retd), formerly Kasibugga, Srikakulam in a court of Law for the offences punishable u/s 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of P.C. Act, 1988 in the Disproportionate Assets case and also permitted the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad, to initiate Departmental action against the retired A.O., for his failure to obtain permission for acquisition of assets in the name of his family members, in violation of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Accordingly, an Article of Charge was issued vide Prl.CCF, Ref.No.16991/2003/PXA3, dt.22-10-2005 in accordance with Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, on the following count:-

**Charge-I:** That, the acquired immovable properties / assets on his name and in the names of his wife and son, without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority.

**Charge-II:** That, he failed to obtain prior permission from the competent authority for purchase of Bajaj Chetak Scooter bearing No. AIV-7367 on 30-12-1989 in his name for Rs.28,000 and "YAMAHA" motorcycle bearing No. AP 35A 1517 purchase on 25-10-1996 on the name of his son Sri Borusu Veerabhadra Srinivas for Rs.42,063/-.

**Charge-III:** That, neither he informed to the competent authority nor obtained permission from the competent authorities about the investment of Rs.87,775/- in S.B. Account No.8447 of Corporation Bank, Nagaram Branch, Mamidikuduru, East Godavari District on the name of his wife Smt. Borusu Ananthalakshmi.

**Charge-IV:** That, neither he informed to the competent authority nor obtained permission from the competent authority about obtaining loan of Rs.4,00,000/- taken from Andhra Bank Housing Finance Ltd., Visakhapatnam vide account No.1907/HL/00200029.

**Charge-V:** That, he failed to obtain permission from competent authority for acquisition of gold ornament weighing about 707.9 Grams and Silver articles weighing about 2.493 Kgs. Worth of Rs.1,78,238/- which are found in the locker bearing No.472 of Andhra Bank, R.K. Misssion Branch, Visakhapatnam and locker No.2/29 of SBI, Amalapuram.

4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam was appointed as Inquiry Officer and Sri D. Ravi Babu, Inspector, ACB Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram was appointed as Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the matter. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry Officer, has submitted findings concluding that, all the charges framed against Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, FRO, formerly Kasibugga, Srikakulam are held proved. The findings of the I.O., were communicated to the Charged Officer vide Ref.No.16991/2003/K1, dt.22-04-2010 and the Charged Officer, did not acknowledge the receipt of findings, hence the findings of the Inquiry Officer were published in Visakhapatnam District Gazette in issue No. 135/2010, dt.28-12-2010.

5. Sri B. Rajaswara Rao, Forest Range Officer, has retired from service on superannuation on 30-6-2005. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued as per rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Government, having examined the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and remarks of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, found that, the charges framed against Sri B. Rajaswara Rao, Forest Range Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose penalty of twenty five (25%) cut in Pension for a period of One (1) year on the retired charged officer, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, without prejudice to the criminal case pending against him.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 11$^{th}$ read above. The time stipulated for submitting defense statement had already expired and no defense has been received from the C.O.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to impose penalty of twenty five (25%) cut in Pension for a period of One (1) year on Sri B.Rajaswara Rao, Forest Range Officer, Kasibugga, Srikakulam district, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P. Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh,
Aagathavarapadu, Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.392/DC&C/2/2017, Dt.15.05.2017).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER